



Department of History
JOHN T. LARIMER SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was initiated by UW-Whitewater students involved in Phi Alpha Theta, the National History Honor Society. Upon learning of the tragic death of alumnus and fellow honor society member, John Larimer, students in the Nu-Beta chapter joined with faculty, family, and friends to create a scholarship to honor John's memory and to help students who share John's enthusiasm for and devotion to the study and active preservation of history.

John T. Larimer, a May 2008 graduate of the University of Wisconsin Whitewater, died in a random act of violence on July 20, 2012 in Aurora, Colorado. He was born on February 16, 1985 to Scott and Kathleen (Lavin) Larimer. He graduated from Crystal Lake South High School in Illinois in 2003. At the time of his death, John was serving in the United States Navy as a cryptologist. In that role, he built on the research and writing skills he developed at UW-Whitewater where he double-majored in history and political science. His love of history and political events began early, was nurtured by his family, and deepened during his time on campus. John was very active in the history department's chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, the National History Honor Society. He served as the chapter vice-president of Phi Alpha Theta at UW-Whitewater from 2007 until his graduation in 2008. John, along with other students in his history cohort, helped continue the tradition of a strong Phi Alpha Theta chapter at UW-Whitewater. John's passion for history was complemented by his wonderful sense of humor. He enjoyed the craft of history and possessed a keen interest in working with primary-source documents. John's friendship, his laughter, and smile is remembered by all knew him.

The award amount is variable.

Criteria for the John T. Larimer Scholarship:

1. Demonstrated passion for history through involvement in Phi Alpha Theta —the National History Honors Society;
2. Enrolled undergraduate student at UW-Whitewater with an overall academic GPA of at least 3.0, with 12 or more units of history and at least a 3.10 GPA in all history courses;
3. Involvement and participation in campus community or a local community, preferably in relationship to the field of history and/or service to the community.

Application requirements:

- A complete application form;
- A copy of your most recent Academic Advising Report (AAR) printed from WINS
(Note: The award may be used to register for courses and/or internships in a Fall, Spring or Summer semester.)

Deadline:

Submit complete application packets to the Department of History, Laurentide Hall 5221 no later than 4:00 P.M. on the last Monday in February.

Questions about this scholarship should be directed to the Department of History at (262) 472-1103.